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	9415	.EC081	2005-12-16	.E. Coli O157:H7	Human
	9416	.EC081	2005-12-16	.E. Coli O157:H7	Human
	9417	.EC081	2005-12-16	.E. Coli O157:H7	Human
	9422	.EC081	2005-12-20	.E. Coli O157:H7	. Human
	9448	.EC081	2005-12-28	.E. Coli O157:H7	Human
	9449	.EC081	2005-12-28	.E. Coli O157:H7	Human
	9469	.EC081	2006-01-09	.E. Coli O157:H7	Human
	9432	.EC081	2005-12-22	.E. Coli O157:H7	Environmental
	9433	.EC081	2005-12-22	.E. Coli O157:H7	Environmental
	9434	.EC081	2005-12-22	,E. Coli O157:H7	Animal
	9435	.EC081	2005-12-22	.E. Coli O157:H7	Animal
	9450	.EC081	2005-12-28	.E. Coli O157:H7	Environmental
	9451	.EC081	2005-12-28	.E. Coli O157:H7	Environmental
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	9474	.EC081	2006-01-09	.E. Coli O157:H7	Environmental
	9475	.EC081	2006-01-09	.E. Coli O157:H7	Environmental
	9510	.EC081	2006-01-14	.E. Coli O157:H7	
	9511	.EC081	2006-01-14	.E. Coli O157:H7	
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Positive Sample test chart – all sample isolates cross matched in duplicate with human illness cases from outbreak.		
WDOH PHL Lab#	Corresponding Lab Number	Sample Description
9432	WSDA 756-1	Raw milk product returned by shareholder
9433	WSDA 756-2	Raw milk product returned by shareholder
9434	WSDA 757-5	Milk sample collected during milking of Sorrell by Dee Creek 12-14-05
9435	WSDA 757-6	Milk sample collected during milking of Sorrell by Dee Creek 12-14-05
9450	WSDA 05F-765-1	Swab #2 – top side of rubber mat surface in milk area on 12-15-05
9451	WSDA 05F-765-3	Swab #2 – top side of rubber mat surface in milk area. collected 12-15-05
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9471	WSU E11607	Swab #2 – holding pen mud-pack at entrance to milking area. collected 12-16-05
9472	WSU E11608	Swab #9 – top side of rubber mat in milking area. collected 12-16-05
9473	WSU 11608	Swab #9 – top side of rubber mat in milking area. collected 12-16-05
9474	WSU 11609	Swab #10 – mud on ground just inside the door to milking area. collected 12-16-05
9475	WSU 11609	Swab #10 – mud on ground just inside the door to milking area. collected 12-16-05
9510	FDA	Swab #1 – top side of rubber mat in milking area. collected 12-16-05
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